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Via Email

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RE: Follow-up questions from the Subcommittee meeting with the agency on February 27, 2019

Dear Director Shwedo:

The Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee appreciates the agency's continued partnership in the oversight process. As follow-up from the meeting on February 27, 2019, please respond to the following questions by Thursday, March 14, 2019:

1. In your testimony on February 27, you opposed the idea of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) taking on the responsibility for collecting the road use fee from intrastate trucks, as it is not one of the agency's core functions. Given that concern, how do you differentiate the request to take on a law enforcement responsibility that currently rests with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)?
2. Other than employing law enforcement officers within the DMV, are there any other steps that DMV, SLED, or the legislature could take to improve the enforcement of vehicle-related crimes?
3. Please provide a definition or explanation of each of the following terms the agency uses when discussing vehicle-related crimes: out-of-trust sales and curb stoners.
4. What school systems or technical colleges does DMV currently partner with to facilitate training and licensing of commercial drivers? Is the agency willing to work with schools and communities that are interested in creating such partnerships?

5. Please provide a list of the third parties that administer the commercial driver's license test. How do entities qualify to do this? Where are those qualifications outlined (e.g., statute, regulation, agency policy, etc.)? Are they posted on the agency's website? In what other ways are they communicated to potential testing entities?
6. How are options for third-party driver's license testing communicated to those seeking to be tested?
7. Is there a need to increase the number of DMV branches that offer the commercial driver's license skills test? If so, how much would it cost the agency to do so?
8. In your testimony on February 27, you indicated that DMV is carrying forward approximately \$12 million. Does the agency have the authority to spend this money on projects of its choosing, or is additional authorization required?

If these inquiries would yield responses that are not an accurate reflection of the agency or if additional time is needed to respond, please contact Committee staff. Thank you for your service to the citizens of South Carolina and for your continued cooperation with the legislative oversight process. We look forward to continuing our discussion of the Department of Motor Vehicles at the next Subcommittee meeting on March 20, 2019.

Sincerely,



William M. "Bill" Hixon
Subcommittee Chair

cc: Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee Members